

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THAT THE STATE SPONSOR AND SUPPORT THE SUBMARINE
3 USS NEW MEXICO SSN-779 AT MILESTONE CEREMONIES DURING
4 CONSTRUCTION AND COMMISSIONING.
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6 WHEREAS, on December 6, 2004, the secretary of the
7 United States navy officially named the sixth Virginia-class
8 nuclear submarine after the land of enchantment; and

9 WHEREAS, the USS New Mexico is being constructed by
10 Northrop Grumman Newport News and General Dynamics Electric
11 Boat, with assembly at the shipyards of Newport News,
12 Virginia; and

13 WHEREAS, the New Mexico council of the navy league of
14 the United States, having been instrumental in the name
15 selection process and being dedicated to informing New
16 Mexicans about the need for a strong United States navy
17 submarine force, will continue to assist the state of New
18 Mexico in maintaining a close liaison with the navy and the
19 shipbuilders; and

20 WHEREAS, there will be construction milestones, known as
21 keel-laying, christening and commissioning ceremonies,
22 involving the participation of New Mexicans; and

23 WHEREAS, the USS New Mexico, when delivered to the
24 United States navy, will be the most sophisticated, capable
25 submarine in the world, ensuring continued undersea supremacy

1 for the United States;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state proudly offer its support
4 and cooperation in seeing that key construction ceremonies,
5 enhanced by our unique New Mexico culture, are carried out in
6 the finest naval tradition; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the governor of New Mexico, the secretary of
9 veterans' services, the presidents of Northrop Grumman Newport
10 News and General Dynamics Electric Boat and the secretary of
11 the navy.

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